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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR UN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) STATE 154272, (B) KABUL 5674; (C) ANKARA 6231;

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1. CONVERSATIONS WITH MARTENS/MICUTA/ARNESON REVEAL FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS ON PROPOSED UN AFGHAN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM.

2. SHORTLY FOLLOWING COUP, DND OFFICIAL OSMAN, IN KABUL IN CONNECTION WITH UN PROGRAM (REF D), HELD DISCUSSION WITH DAUD IN WHICH DAUD INDICATED INTEREST IN PRINCIPLES IN UN'S UNDERTAKING PROGRAM BUT SAID HE UNABLE TO FOCUS ON THIS QUESTION FOR TIME BEING BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION WITH PRIORITY MATTERS. (OSMAN REPORTEDLY IS COUSIN OF DAUD AND FATHER-IN-LAW OF DAUD'S SON.)

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3. MARTENS SENT LETTER DATED JULY 27 TO DAUD VIA UNDP

RESREP. MISSOFF INFORMED THAT LETTER:

A. NOTES THAT MARTENS HAS LEARNED FROM DND STAFF MEMBER THAT DAUD HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED INTERESTED IN PURSUING UN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM.

B. EXPLAINS UNFDAC'S PURPOSE AND STAGE REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFGHAN GOVT PRIOR TO COUP, NOTING PARTICULARLY THAT UNFDAC HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FOR PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE TO WORK OUT PROGRAM ENCOMPASSING ENFORCEMENT AND CROP SUBSTITUTION.

C. STATES UNFDAC HAD ALREADY EARMARKED \$313,000 FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES TO WHICH AFGHAN GOVT WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE AND NOTES THAT IN ORDER START THESE ACTIVITIES FORMAL AGREEMENT WOULD NEED BE SIGNED BETWEEN AFGHAN GOVT AND UNFDAC.

D. NOTES THAT UNFDAC HAS HAD IN MIND PROPOSED PROGRAM IN AMOUNT OF \$3 MILLION OVER FIRST THREE YEARS AND \$5.9 MILLION OVER FULL FIVE YEARS AND THAT COUNTER-PART CONTRIBUTION FROM AFGHAN GOVT WOULD OF COURSE BE EXPECTED.

E. STATES THAT SHOPPING LIST OF ADDITIONAL RELATED AND COMPLEMENTARY PROJECTS HAD BEEN PREPARED AND IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED CONVEY ON JULY 24 MEETING OF POTENTIAL BILATERAL DONORS AND INTL ORGANIZATIONS, AND NOTES THIS MEETING WAS POSTPONED TO PROVIDE NEW AFGHAN GOVT OPPORTUNITY STUDY DOCUMENTATION PREPARED TO DATE.

F. OBSERVES THAT MAJOR FACTOR IN RECONVENED MEETING OF POTENTIAL BILATERAL DONORS WOULD BE NEED FOR AFGHAN GOVT TO DEMONSTRATE IT IS COMMITTED TO PRACTICAL STEPS LEADING TO EVENTUAL ERADICATION OF OPIUM/CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND THAT DONORS' RESPONSE LIKELY BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THIS FACTOR.

G. NOTES FINALLY THAT OSMAN WILL REMAIN IN KABUL UNTIL END AUG TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AFGHAN GOVT ON UNFDAC PROGRAM AND THAT SINCE PROGRAM UNABLE PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED UN COORDINATOR DAVIES WILL BE BASED GENEVA FOR TIME BEING BUT WILL PROCEED KABUL PERIODICALLY TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHAN GOVT.

4. RE LATTER POINT, MICUTA ADVISED AUG 7 THAT DAVIES PLANNING RETURN KABUL AROUND AUG 12 TO CONTACT AFGHAN GOVT AND TAKE NEW READING ON POSSIBILITY OF COMMENCING WITH UN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM.

5. RE ROLE OF SCHURMANN, MISSOFF INFORMED THAT HIS CONTRACT WITH UNFDAC AND AS SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR FOR AFGHANISTAN EXPIRED JULY 31.

PRESUMABLY SUCH ROLE IN FUTURE WILL BE ASSUMED BY MARTENS.

6. AS FURTHER POINT OF INTEREST, ARNESON ADVISES THAT AT TIME MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP WAS POSTPONED FOLLOWING INVITEES HAD INDICATED INTENTION PARTICIPATE: CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, SWEDEN, UK, US, YUGOSLAVIA, SAUDI ARABIA, UNDP, IBRD, FAO AND UNICEF. ARNESON ADDS THAT NETHERLANDS DECLINED PARTICIPATE AND KUWAIT INDICATED INABILITY ATTEND BECAUSE OF TOO SHORT NOTIFICATION OF MEETING.

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